

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BAGHDA 01789 270844Z  
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NEA-10 NSC-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05  
H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15  
NSCE-00 SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 HA-05 /072 W  
-----122371 270857Z /21  
O 270735Z AUG 78  
FM USINT BAGHDAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6669  
USMISSION USUN IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 1789

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UNGA, RQ, IZ  
SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24

1. I MET WITH MISBAL EL ASIL AUGUST 26 TO MAKE THE  
DEMARCHE ON PUERTO RICO. EL ASIL WAS AWARE THAT I HAD  
SPOKEN WITH KETTANEH ON THE SUBJECT BUT WAS NOT FAMILIAR  
WITH THE DETAILS OF THE CONVERSATIONS. I GAVE HIM A COPY  
OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECLARATION AND WENT CAREFULLY  
OVER THE POINTS USED EARLIER WITH KETTANEH (STATE 188247)  
TO BRING HIM UP TO DATE.

2. EL ASIL SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THAT KETTANEH HAD  
INFORMED ME THAT THE GOI WOULD FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT  
TO ALTER ITS STAND ON THE CUBAN RESOLUTION. I  
ADMITTED THAT WAS THE CASE AND EL ASIL THEN ASKED WHY  
I WAS AGAIN RAISING THE ISSUE, THEREBY PROVIDING THE  
DESIRED OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS OUR CONCERNS.

3. I DREW ON REF A TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
ISSUE TO THE U.S.G. AND ITS PUBLICLY DECLARED WILLINGNESS  
TO LET THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES.  
I ALSO REEMPHASIZED THE DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS IN PUERTO  
RICO AND THE POSITION THE UN HAS TAKEN IN THE PAST.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BAGHDA 01789 270844Z

AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION I ASKED THAT IRAQ VOTE  
IN SUPPORT OF A MOTION TO DEFER.

4. EL ASIL LISTENED CAREFULLY, BUT MADE NO NOTES, AND  
REPLIED THAT I "WAS ASKING A LOT." I POINTED OUT THAT  
THIS REFLECTED CONCERN AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE USG  
AND THAT THE REQUEST WAS NOT LIGHTLY MADE. HE PROMISED

TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE TO THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE  
PROMPTLY, IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE  
THE VOTE, ADDING THAT HE FELT THERE WAS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD  
THAT IRAQ WOULD SWITCH.

4. COMMENT: THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT WE ARE  
VERY INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER, BUT IT IS FAR LES  
CERTAIN THAT OUR INTEREST WILL HAVE THE DESIRED  
EFFECT. THE FACT OF MY THIRD DEMARCHE ON PUERTO RICO  
WAS KNOWN TO ZAHAWI, WITH WHOM I MET SEBSEQUENTLY, AND TO  
WHOM I GAVE A BRIEF RESUME OF THE IMPORTANT POINTS.  
HE COMMENTED THAT RELATIONS ARE INDEED IMPROVING IF  
SUBJECTS ON WHICH WE DIFFER SO STRONGLY CAN BE  
RAISED SO OFTEN.  
PECK

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DEMARCHE, MEMBERSHIP, COMMITTEES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 27 aug 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978BAGHDA01789  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780350-0782  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BAGHDAD  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780819/aaaaapiy.tel  
**Line Count:** 77  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** b522f25a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION IO  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 20 jun 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1605963  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24  
**TAGS:** PORG, RQ, IZ, UNGA, COMMITTEE OF 24  
**To:** STATE USUN NEW YORK  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/b522f25a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014